

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, Wise County/City of Norton and the City of Alexandria, Virginia were formally paired by Governor Ralph Northam in the Local Government Exchange Program through a partnership with Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHC), Virginia Association of Counties (VAC), and Virginia Municipal League (VML); and

WHEREAS, officials of the City of Norton and the City of Alexandria met at the Governor's Mansion on Thursday, February 6, 2020 for the official announcement of the Local Government Exchange Program; and

WHEREAS, it is through these exchanges that a greater understanding of challenges and opportunities among peer localities may be attained thereby building and strengthening statewide partnerships; and

WHEREAS, administrations of both the Wise County/City of Norton and the City of Alexandria have already opened dialogue and began planning visits for cultural and idea exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is currently near the epicenter of Virginia's COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, we offer sympathy for those who have lost their lives and their family members; and

WHEREAS, we have great admiration for all first responders and other medical personnel that are on the front lines of this crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Norton City Council hereby extends our thoughts and prayers of support to the City Council, its staff, and the great people of Alexandria.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2020.

Joseph B. Fumiller Mayor

Mark A. Canino Vice-Mayor

Delores "Dee" Blecher Council Member

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ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Coffey
Clerk of Council